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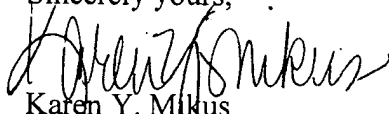
**SUBJECT:** Patent No. 6,358,339, Application No. 09/560,159  
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